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## FCC REOPENS REFERENCE INFORMATION CENTER TO THE PUBLIC

Effective immediately, the FCC Reference Information Center (RIC) will reopen to the public. However, the following security precautions are in effect in response to the increased Homeland Security Alert System threat level:

- 1) All RIC patrons must enter the Commission building through the 12th Street lobby.
- 2) Patrons must tell the security guards that they would like to go to the RIC in room CY-A257, and ask them to call the RIC at 202-418-0270.
- 3) After passing through security screening, patrons will be escorted by an RIC staff person to room CY-A257. Please be advised that all public patrons must be escorted out to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street lobby when they leave the building.
- 4) The RIC staff will escort patrons between the hours of 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Friday.

These procedures for access to the RIC will remain in effect until further notice. If you have any questions, please call Bill Cline at 202-418-0267.